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REMARKS

1. On 27 January, Buildings Nos 12, 13 and 14 in the Fridericus Kaserne (2205) in Neuruppin were still occupied by Unit Bukovski which was commanded by one Colonel Kalinski (fnu). On the morning, 3 armored scout cars, about 35 men and 2 x 82-mm mortars left the installation toward the northern training area.

2. On 27 January, [redacted] the former Strandgarten Restaurant which housed a motion picture theater and a club for Soviet soldiers would be vacated and converted into a depot. Unmarried officers were allegedly to be billeted in the upper story. The motion picture theater and club were housed in the building at the intersection of Wittstocker Allee and Altruppiner Allee. Villa Bergenmann at the intersection of Junker Strasse and Fehrbelliner Strasse which had so far served as warehouse was to be vacated, reconditioned and occupied by a general. 1

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4. On 4 February, the Fridericus Kaserne (2205) was occupied to capacity by about 3,000 troops. No training activity was noticed. There was, however, intensive traffic of personnel. [redacted]

5. On 4 February, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne (2201) was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 4 February, 6 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns and carrying troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward the garrison training grounds.

6. On 4 February, the See Kaserne (2203) was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. [redacted]

7. On 4 February, 42 tanks left the See Kaserne toward Fehrbellin.

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- 25X1 8. Between 3 and 11 February, no shipments were either unloaded or loaded at, and no shipments were seen passing through, Altruppin railroad station.
- 25X1 9. At about 7 p.m. on 11 January, 6 T-34 tanks left the Fridericus Kaserne (2205) and headed toward Pfalzheim via Storbeck. They returned during the night of 13 January. At about 11 a.m. on 12 January, trucks [redacted] were seen in Storbeck en route toward Pfalzheim. On 14 January, T-34 tanks [redacted] and SU-122s [redacted] practiced firing with live ammunition at Gentzrode troop training grounds. At about 3 p.m. on 14 January, trucks [redacted] drove through Storbeck from the direction of Pfalzheim. On 23 January, 3 T-34 tanks practiced firing in Gentzrode. At about 11 a.m., 11 driver-school trucks [redacted] passed through Storbeck toward Neuruppin. On 30 January, these trucks were parked in the yard of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne (2201). In the afternoon on 23 January, [redacted] motor vehicles passed through Storbeck in the direction of Neuruppin. [redacted] At about 9 a.m. on 1 February, 4 trucks including two towing a 76.2-mm field gun moved along the east side of Gentzrode training grounds. [redacted] tified.
- 25X1 10. On 11 February, the See Kaserne (2203) in Neuruppin was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank or motor transport insignia. About 300 soldiers with motor transport insignia left the installation and headed toward the former girls' highschool. T-34 tanks [redacted] left the installation toward Hamburger Chaussee. [redacted]
- 25X1 11. On 11 February, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne (2201) was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 60 soldiers engaged in close-order drill. [redacted]
- 25X1 12. On 11 February, an exercise at about battalion strength was held in the training area of Gentzrode Estate. The troops fired with rocket launchers, AT guns or tanks, mortars and infantry weapons. [redacted]
- 25X1 13. On 11 February, the Fridericus Kaserne (2205) was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery or tank insignia and black-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. [redacted]
- 25X1 14. On 11 February, Wulkow Estate (2501) was occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 12 trucks were identified in the billeting area. [redacted]
- 25X1 15. On 11 February, about 30 soldiers laid field cables along the Loewenberg-Altruppin road. [redacted]
- 25X1 16. On 30 January, the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne (2201) was occupied almost to capacity. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Between 27 and 30 January, soldiers practiced with 2 or 3 x 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard.
- 25X1 17. On 30 January, the See Kaserne (2203) was not occupied to capacity. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 20 January, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets trained with 2 x 120-mm mortars on the small drill grounds near the slaughterhouse on Trenkmann Strasse. On 30 January, the former garrison hospital (2202) was not occupied to capacity. There was, however, intensive traffic of sedans.
- 25X1 18. On 30 January, the former girls' highschool (2204) was occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Between 20 and 30 January, 240 to 300 men were almost daily seen marching between the school and Friedrich Franz Kaserne. About 10 to 12 trucks daily engaged in driving school.
- 25X1 19. On 28 January, soldiers practiced with a 132-mm rocket launcher on the drill grounds on Stoeffinerweg.

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20. On 12 February, the former garrison hospital (2202) was still occupied by a division headquarters with the APN 18332. Divisional commander was one Colonel Potyomkin (fnu), Colonel Momotenko's deputy was Major Dorko (fnu). One Lieutenant Besnozikov (fnu) was supply officer of the division headquarters. The divisional ration supply and equipment depot at Pauliner Railroad Station was headed by Major Protsenko (fnu), who was also in charge of a small gasoline dump of the division at the large fuel depot in Wulkow. Neumuehle bakery was headed by Lieutenant Shilov (fnu).

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21. On 12 February, the Fridericus Kaserne (2205) was occupied to capacity. [redacted] identified the following four large and four small units:

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[redacted] with Gds Lieutenant Kovalev (fnu) as commander and Gds Lieutenant Buekovski (fnu) as supply officer and Gds Lieutenant Zobolev (fnu) as deputy;  
[redacted] with Gds Lieutenant Colonel Zukhikh (fnu) as commander and Lieutenant Colonel Dronov (fnu) as supply officer;  
[redacted] with an undetermined officer in command and Gds Lieutenant Colonel Zadorozhni (fnu) as supply officer;

Another unit with an undetermined officer in command and Gds Lieutenant Colonel Kovalenkov (fnu) as supply officer;

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[redacted] a motorcycle unit with Captain Toropov (fnu) as commander, and Major Kodilynikov (fnu) as supply officer;

[redacted] a workshop company, with Major Shcherbashin (fnu) as company commander;

Another unit with Gds Major Fedonenko (fnu) as supply officer;

Another unit with Gds Major Zhukov (fnu) as supply officer.

Four JS-2 tanks stood in some of the open halls. Soldiers pulled 4 x 82-mm mortars out of the installation.

22. On 12 February, the See Kaserne (2203) was occupied. In late January, Unit Nikolayev moved into the installation from the former Telegrafenaubauamt (2201), which was vacated for officers' dependents from the See Kaserne and the driver school under Gds Major Kondakov (fnu) from the former girls' school (2204). The school will allegedly be used as school building for Soviet children. The following units were identified in the barracks installation:

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[redacted] with an undetermined commander, Gds Captain Maruzin (fnu) as deputy and Gds Lieutenant Stetsenko (fnu) as supply officer;  
[redacted] with Gds Lieutenant Colonel Brantsevich (fnu) as commander, an undetermined supply officer and Gds Captain Zemyonov (fnu) as deputy;

Another unit with Major Nikolayev (fnu) as supply officer;

Units identified in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on 12 February included:

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[redacted] an AAA unit, with Gds Lieutenant Colonel Tsevchenko (fnu) as commander, Gds Lieutenant Colonel Zultanov (fnu) as supply officer and Gds Lieutenant Zazonov (fnu) as deputy supply officer;  
[redacted] with Gds Lieutenant Colonel Akshurin (fnu) as commander, and Gds Major (?) Dzhuronzhky (fnu) as supply officer;

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[redacted] with an undetermined commander and one Balayev (fnu) as supply officer.

23. On 12 February, the cantonment on Scholtenplatz was still occupied by detachments from the See Kaserne.

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24. On 12 February, the Baptistenheim was occupied [redacted]

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[redacted] Supply matters were talked over by Major Voronov (fnu), unit commander, and Lieutenant Colonel Zadorozhni.

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25. On 12 February, [redacted] identified at the district komendatura, which was under the command of Gds Lieutenant Colonel Alekzeyev (fnu). One Senior Lieutenant Zuchkov (fnu) was supply officer.

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26. On 12 February, [redacted] the MVD in Neuruppin. The office was headed by one Lieutenant Colonel Manina (fnu).

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27. On 12 February, the hospital in the former German Kreiskrankenhaus quartered a medical unit whose supply officer was one Senior Lieutenant Byakov (fnu). A new medical unit [redacted] with Major Mishchikhin as supply officer moved in at the beginning of November. 1

28. On 8 February, Zechlin troop training grounds quartered a detachment only. Guard personnel for the training area was furnished by the Zechlin komendatura. Zechlin was commanded by one Colonel Okulov (fnu) whose deputy was Captain Zyamin (fnu). 2

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29. On 8 February, Wulkow Estate (2501) was occupied by an ammunition depot under Lieutenant Colonel Shablakov (fnu) [redacted] and a motor transport unit under Major Kovalev (fnu), [redacted]
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30. On 11 February, Gentzrode (2206) Estate quartered [redacted]. Gds Major Frolov (fnu) was commanding officer and Gds Major Khrom (fnu) supply officer. Engineer constructions such as small bridges across ditches and shelters were seen in the area. 1
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1. Comment. Report shows that the distribution of units of the 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin post remained unchanged. [redacted] The transfer to the See Kaserne of the 186th Gds Sig Bn (US) from the Telegrafenberg was made in mid-December. The information that the driver school of the division will be moved to the Telegrafenberg and that the school building will be used as school for Soviet children is given credence. The Storbek-Gentzrode area is used as division training grounds. The units that moved toward Pfalzheim are believed to have been en route to the Wittstock training grounds where the division has conducted firing at the new tank firing ranges since mid-January. [redacted]
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- The number of tanks reported in paragraph 7 of the present report are overestimated as the 59th Tank Tng Bn (US) is the only tank unit stationed in the See Kaserne. [redacted] and officers' names confirm the following divisional units in Neuruppin until 12 February 1954:
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- the 18th Gds Mtrcl Bn (US) and [redacted] the 497th Arty (US) 25X1
- 89th Gds RL Bn (US). One of the two units is commanded by Gds Lieutenant Colonel Akshurin (fnu) who is known from previous reports.
- confirms the 48th Gds Tank Regt. Gds Lieutenant Colonel Vukalov (fnu) who has been confirmed until 1952 is held as regimental commander. It is possible that, now, Colonel Kalinski (fnu), who was reported for the first time, or Gds Lieutenant Colonel Kovalev (fnu), who is known from previous information, is in command of the regiment.
- confirms the Hq 12th Gds Tank Div.
- confirms the 66th Gds Tank Regt.
- confirms the 49th Gds Tank Regt.
- confirms the 75th AAA Regt (US).
- The 186th Gds Sig Bn (US) and Major Nikolayev (fnu) were also confirmed.
- confirms the 59th Tank Tng Bn (US) which may be commanded by Gds Lieutenant Colonel Brantsevich (fnu) who is known from previous information.
- confirms the 226th Mort Regt.
- confirms the 205th Engr Bn in Gentzrode until 11 February 1954.
- confirms the unidentified motor trans battalion in Wulkow until 8 February 1954. Major Kovalev (fnu) is believed to be battalion commander.
- confirms the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt up to 12 February 1954. The regiment, however, is stationed in Drosgen rather than in the Friedrich Franz 25X1 Kaserne where only three units, namely the 75th AAA Regt (US), the 497th Arty (US) and the 89th Gds RL Bn (US) are quartered.

The other officers not yet mentioned are known except for Gds Lieutenant Zobolev (fnu), Gds Major Kodilynikov (fnu), Major Veronov (fnu), Senior Lieutenant Zushkov (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Shablakov (fnu).

- 25X1 2. Comment. Colonel Okulov (fnu) is chief of staff, and Captain Zyamin (fnu) supply officer, with the Hq 18th Mecz Div in Perleberg.

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